## W.T. GRANT COMPANY Annual Report, 1961



### 952 W. T. GRANT FRIENDLY FAMILY STORES IN 17 45 STATES Minnesota Oregon 6 Wisconsin New York 68 South Dakota Idaho Lichigan 113 Wyoming 27 Pennsylvania Ohio 108 Nebraska Nevada 72 4 Illinois 91 diane W.Virginia 30 Utah 24 Virginia Colorado Kansas Missouri Kentucky California 6 12 N. Carolina Tennessee 16 10 Oklahomo 5. Carolina Arkansas Arizona 6 New Mexico 3 Georgia Alabama Miss. 2 16 La of Worm in each wall An January 31, 1962 Texas 6 34

### THE W. T. GRANT COMPANY

### a brief description

The Company started with one store at Lynn, Mass. in 1906. On January 31, 1962, it was operating 952 general merchandise stores in 45 states. In addition, 3 distribution centers were servicing the stores with certain lines of merchandise.

The stores are family type stores selling merchandise lines for women, for men, for children, and for the home. Prices generally range up to \$5, but some items range in prices up to and even above \$100.

While most sales are for cash, credit service is available in all stores and accounted for 12.7% of total sales in 1961.

In 1961, total sales were \$574,502,000. This is an average of \$603,000 per store.

The 1961 sales were at a new all-time high for a year. Except for 1932, 1938, and 1949, the Company has had a sales increase every year in its 55 year history.

The Company has earned a profit and has paid dividends in every year of its history.

The Company is maintaining a steady program of expansion. In recent years, it has been directed almost entirely to leased shopping center stores. At the last year end, 528 of the 952 stores were in shopping centers.

The Company employed an average of 40,000 people during the year, with a peak of approximately 50,000 in December.

The Company's capitalization includes 150,000 shares of 3¾% preferred stock held by 792 stockholders, and 5,812,311 shares of common stock held by 13,854 stockholders.

The Company has a long term debt represented by \$35,000,000 of 434 % Sinking Fund Debentures sold to the public in January 1962.

Besides its domestic operations, the Company owns approximately 51% of the common stock of Zeller's Ltd., a Canadian chain operating 94 stores similar to Grant stores, with 1961 sales of \$62,874,000. Zeller's Ltd. also is maintaining a steady program of expansion.

### W. T. GRANT COMPANY

Founded in 1906 at Lynn, Mass.

Executive and Buying Offices . . . 1441 Broadway, New York 18, N. Y.

### DIRECTORS

WILLIAM T. GRANT Chairman

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Vice Chairman

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### **OFFICERS**

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EDWARD STALEY
Vice Chairman of the Board

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Operations Vice President

HOWARD E. EADES

Merchandise Vice President

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HERBERT T. WILKINSON Store Expansion Vice President

ROBERT W. IVES
Central Regional Vice President

CHARLES W. RIVOIRE Secretary

RICHARD W. MAYER Treasurer

ROBERT J. KELLY
Assistant Secretary

ROSALIE A. MULFORD
Assistant Treasurer

ALLAN E. LOMEN
Assistant Comptroller

Transfer Agent: Morgan Guaranty Trust Company of New York Registrar: Bankers Trust Company, New York, N. Y.

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### THE HIGHLIGHTS

Year ended January 31,

				1962	1961
Sales				\$574,501,798	\$512,686,823
Net earnings				\$ 8,359,313	\$ 9,198,133
Per common share				\$1.34	\$1.50
Dividends paid per preferred share .				\$3.75	\$3.75
Dividends paid per common share .				\$1.20	\$1.20
Total dividends paid		٠		\$ 7,502,609	\$ 7,428,896
Earnings retained in the business				\$ 856,704	\$ 1,769,237
Depreciation and amortization	ı			\$ 6,540,639	\$ 6,262,568
Expansion program—fixed assets .				\$ 7,855,000	\$ 7,995,000
Employee compensation and benefits .				\$113,121,937	\$102,702,763
Cents per sales dollar				19.7¢	20.0
Merchandise inventories				\$112,885,170	\$ 96,243,818
Working capital		٠		\$119,891,956	\$ 83,916,035
Net fixed assets			•	\$ 42,135,364	\$ 41,174,330
Long term debt	٠			\$ 35,000,000	\$ -
Common shares outstanding				5,812,311	5,755,520
Book value common stock—per share				\$21.11	\$20.9
Number of preferred stockholders .				792	75
Number of common stockholders .				13,854	12,914
Number of stores				952	864

### W. T. GRANT COMPANY

1441 Broadway, New York 18, N. Y.

### To the Stockholders:

This is the Company's fifty-fifth annual report. It covers the fiscal year ended January 31, 1962.

The Company completed the year with the largest sales in its history, \$574,501,798, and with net earnings of \$8,359,313. This performance for the year not only offset the results of a disappointing first half but also absorbed the increased costs of a record expansion program that covered the opening of 113 new stores, which was a 45% increase over the 78 new stores opened in the previous year.

This expansion program represents a substantial drain on current profits, but we are confident that it also represents a sound investment and will result in a satisfactory return on that investment in future years.

### SALES

The year's sales of \$574,501,798 registered not only a new high but also an increase of \$61,814,975 or 12% over 1960, which was the highest increase in amount for any one year in the Company's 55 year history.

December 1961 sales reached a new alltime high. They totalled \$100,083,507 and for the first time in any one month exceeded the \$100 million mark.

Shopping center stores continued to contribute an increasing portion of the Company's sales, 51% in 1961 compared to 45% in 1960.

Credit sales also continued their record of increases over the previous year. In 1961 they totalled \$73,059,809, or an increase of 17.1%, and accounted for 12.7% of the Company's total sales.

### EARNINGS

The 1961 net earnings of \$8,359,313, after preferred dividends, were equal to \$1.34 per share on 5,812,311 shares of common stock outstanding at the year end.

For 1960, net earnings were \$9,198,133, or \$1.50 per share on 5,755,526 shares of common stock at the year end.

The lower 1961 earnings reflect higher sales promotion costs, higher salaries, wages, and benefits to employees, including increasing social security taxes, and increased expenses incurred in carrying out the record-high expansion program.

### DIVIDENDS

During 1961, the Company paid regular dividends of \$3.75 per share on the preferred stock and regular dividends of \$1.20 per share on the common stock, the same as was paid in 1960.

In 1961, the Company continued its record of earning a profit and paying dividends in every year of its 55 year history.

### FINANCIAL COMMENTS

In January 1962, the Company sold to the public, through underwriters, \$35,000,000 of 434 % Sinking Fund Debentures due January 1, 1987.

It was a successful offering both in timing and interest rate, and will provide the Company with working capital needed in connection with its expansion program. The proceeds received on January 31, 1962 were temporarily invested in short term securities and used, in part, to reduce credit accounts sold to banks.

At the year end, working capital totalled \$119,891,956, an increase of \$35,975,921 over \$83,916,035 at the end of 1960. This increase includes the proceeds from the January 1962 sale of debentures.

Merchandise inventories in stores, distribution centers, and in transit, totalled \$112,885,170 at the year end, or \$16,641,352 above a year ago. The increase is in new and enlarged stores, and a new merchandise distribution center.

Installment receivables from customers were \$49,759,767, of which \$32,901,919 had been sold to banks. A year ago, the receivables totalled \$40,041,261, of which \$39,229,521 had been sold to banks. The decrease in the accounts sold at the last year end reflects the planned use of debenture proceeds for this purpose after January 31, 1962.

### EXPANSION

The 1961 record expansion program included 113 new stores, of which 112 were in shopping centers. In 1960, the program covered 78 stores, of which 77 were in shopping centers. The 1961 program also included the opening of a new merchandise distribution center in Buena Park, California, and the enlargement of 10 stores. The 1960 program included 13 enlarged stores.

At the year end, 952 stores, including 528 in shopping centers and one temporarily closed, were in operation. A year ago, there were 864 stores, with 417 in shopping centers. The net increase of 88 stores is accounted for by the 113 new stores less 24 downtown stores and one shopping center store that were permanently closed.

During 1961, the Company continued to open new stores and to convert more existing stores to the self-service, check-out type of operation. There were 497 such stores at the year end, compared to 320 a year ago.

The Company is in a favorable position with its downtown store leases. In the next 5 years, 170 such leases will expire. This will give management the opportunity to decide whether to close the stores or renew leases, usually for a short term and often at a reduced rental.

The 1961 capital expenditures, principally for store fixtures, totalled \$7,855,000 compared to \$7,995,000 in 1960. It should be noted that we opened 113 new stores in 1961 with capital expenditures lower than expended in 1960 for 78 new stores. This favorable position is the result of cost reductions, improved store fixture designing and layouts developed by our Store Expansion Division.

We estimate that the 1962 expansion program will exceed the record program of 1961. At the end of 1961, there were 83 new stores

under construction for opening in 1962. We estimate opening about 125 new stores and approximately 10 enlarged stores, with capital expenditures of approximately \$9,000,000.

### PERSONNEL

At the year end, there were approximately 38,000 employees compared to 35,000 a year ago.

Salaries and wages, social security taxes, retirement plan contributions, and other benefits amounted to \$113,121,937 or 19.7% of sales in 1961. This compares with \$102,702,763, or 20.0% of sales in 1960. Included in these totals are social security taxes of \$5,249,150 for 1961 and \$4,458,613 for 1960; and the Company's contributions to the retirement plan of \$648,690 in 1961 and \$907,894 in 1960. Good earnings and realized gains on the investments in the retirement fund reduced the Company's contribution in 1961.

### ORGANIZATION

The store expansion program made it possible to promote 173 assistant store managers to store managers during the year. It also brought promotions for 304 store managers to larger stores. To provide for future manpower needs, the number of men-in-training at the year end was increased from 1,003 at the end of 1960 to 1,110 at the end of 1961.

Three new districts were added to our field organization at the beginning of the year, and two more districts at the beginning of 1962. These changes made possible the promotion of 5 store managers to district management, and a number of promotions for store managers.

The Company started 1962 with a number of major home and field office organization changes. Some of them came upon the retirement of Gordon Anderson, New England Regional Vice President, after 42 years of loyal service; and J. Luther Knies, a Director and Merchandise Vice President, after 38 years of loyal service to the Company. Mr. Knies will continue as a Director.

In connection with the organization changes, Reginald W. Rosevear, former Store Expansion Vice President, was appointed to the new position of Operations Vice President. He will coordinate store management, merchandising, and sales promotion functions of the Company. Joseph A. Livolsi, former Eastern Regional Vice President, was appointed to Store Management Vice President; Howard E. Eades, former Personnel Vice President, to Merchandise Vice President; Herbert T. Wilkinson, former Store Management Vice President, to Store Expansion Vice President; and Edward Milburn, former Employment and Training Manager, to Personnel Director.

In the field organization, George R. McCue, former Eastern Regional Personnel and Operating Manager, was appointed to Eastern Regional Manager; James F. McGrath, former Central Regional Merchandise Manager, to Southern Regional Manager; and John P. Dane, former New England Regional Personnel and Operating Manager, to New England Regional Manager.

The Company continues to maintain a constant development of management manpower. In the group of 14 top management people, all have had store and other management experience. The average age of the group is 51, and the average length of service is 26 years.

### ZELLER'S LIMITED

Zeller's, a Canadian chain of stores, in which the Company owns approximately 51% of the common stock, also carried through an aggressive program of expansion. During 1961, it increased its number of stores from 80 to 94.

Its 1961 sales were \$62,874,268, or 10.3% above 1960. Its net earnings were \$1,903,990 or \$2.27 per common share, which compares with \$2,149,048, or \$2.59 per common share in 1960.

During the year, Zeller's paid dividends of \$1.40 per common share, the same as in 1960.

All foregoing amounts are in Canadian dollars.

We are grateful to our customers, employees, and suppliers for the parts they played in our 1961 performance.

We believe that, in 1962, competition among retailers will continue to grow. We intend to carry out another record program of expansion and to absorb costs incidental thereto. We are confident that we will have a good performance, adding potential earning power for the Company in the years ahead.

Chairman of the Board

f. C. Luster

Vice Chairman of the Boars

Edward Staley

April 4, 1962







### THE STORE EXPANSION PROGRAM - 1957 THROUGH 1961

	Number of Ne	w Stores Opened	Number Stores	
Year	Shopping Centers	Downtown Locations	Relocated or Enlarged	Fixed Asset Expenditures
1961	112	1	10	\$ 7,855,000
1960	77	P	13	7,995,000
1959	81	4	9	7,470,000
1958	64	_	15	5,736,000
1957	65	2	19	6,478,000
TOTALS	399	8	66	\$35,534,000













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### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

W. T. Grant Company



JOHN G. BYLER
Executive Director, The Grant
Foundation, Former Financial
Vice President of the Company



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Wilmington Trust Co.



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Trustee



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President of the Company



JOHN D. GRAY

President,

Hart Schaffner and Marx



THOMAS P. JERMAN

Consultant



ALBERT E. KELLY Financial Advisor to Mr. Grant



M. F. KETZ
Financial Vice President
and Comptroller of
the Company



PETER KILBURN
President,
Greenshields Incorporated,
Montreal



J. LUTHER KNIES

Retired—Former

Merchandise Vice President

of the Company



Louis C. Lustenberger

President of
the Company



CLARENCE J. MYERS
Chairman of the Board
and President,
N. Y. Life Insurance Co.



DR. CHARLES F. PHILLIPS
President, Bates College



EDWARD STALEY
Vice Chairman
of the Board

### STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

W. T. Grant Company

	Year ended	l January 31,
	1962	1961
SALES	\$574,501,798	\$512,686,823
Cost of merchandise sold and operating expenses	\$ 25,435,691	486,492,154 \$ 26,194,669
ADD:		
Interest earned	67,915	139,229
Other income	608,205	560,286
	\$ 676,120	\$ 699,515
	\$ 26,111,811	\$ 26,894,184
DEDUCT:	1	
Depreciation and amortization	6,540,639	6,262,568
Interest paid	2,184,964	1,518,260
Other deductions	266,895	270,223
Provision for federal taxes on income—Note D	8,760,000	9,645,000
	\$ 17,752,498	\$ 17,696,051
NET EARNINGS FOR THE YEAR	\$ 8,359,313	\$ 9,198,133
DEDUCT:		
Cash dividends:		
On 33/4 % Cumulative Preferred Stock:		
Four quarterly dividends of $93\%$ ¢ each per share On Common Stock:	562,507	562,507
Four quarterly dividends of 30¢ each per share	6,940,102	6,866,389
TOTAL DIVIDENDS	\$ 7,502,609	\$ 7,428,896
EARNINGS FOR YEAR RETAINED FOR USE IN THE BUSINESS	\$ 856,704	\$ 1,769,237
ADD:		
Earnings of prior years retained for use in the business	89,410,518	87,641,281
ACCUMULATED EARNINGS RETAINED FOR USE IN THE BUSINESS AT END OF YEAR	\$ 90,267,222	\$ 89,410,518
(See notes to financial statements.)	i	

### W. T. GRANT COMPANY

Short term securities  Accounts receivable:  Customers' installment accounts not sold .  Equity in customers' installment accounts (\$32,901,919 and \$39,229,521, respectively) sold  Less allowance for doubtful accounts	49,687,679 — 16,857,848  3,297,319 20,155,167 2,554,110 17,601,057 2,567,880 20,168,937  112,885,170 182,741,786  7,339,983 2,363,920 857,337	\$ 25,637,672 2,996,826 811,740 3,922,956 \$ 4,734,696 2,409,441 \$ 2,325,255 1,943,821 \$ 4,269,076 96,243,818 \$129,147,392 7,339,983 3,292,245
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Merchandise inventories (including merchandise in transit) —at the lower of cost or market determined principally by the retail inventory method	112,885,170 182,741,786 7,339,983 2,363,920	96,243,818 \$129,147,392 7,339,983 3,292,245
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TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	7,339,983 2,363,920	\$129,147,392 7,339,983 3,292,245
OTHER ASSETS  Investment in Zeller's Ltd., at cost—Note A	7,339,983 2,363,920	7,339,983 3,292,245
Investment in Zeller's Ltd., at cost—Note A	2,363,920	3,292,245
Cash surrender value of life insurance	2,363,920	3,292,245
Sundry receivables and deposits		
TOTAL OTHER ASSETS	857.337	
At cost, held for Deferred Contingent Compensation Plan (33,800 and 33,600 shares, respectively)—Note B  STORE PROPERTIES, FIXTURES, AND IMPROVEMENTS—on the basis of cost		911,108
At cost, held for Deferred Contingent Compensation Plan (33,800 and 33,600 shares, respectively)—Note B  STORE PROPERTIES, FIXTURES, AND IMPROVEMENTS—on the basis of cost	10,561,240	\$ 11,543,336
(33,800 and 33,600 shares, respectively)—Note B  STORE PROPERTIES, FIXTURES, AND IMPROVEMENTS—on the basis of cost		
basis of cost	632,995	627,329
Buildings	191,910	282,832
Furniture and fixtures	64,160,032	60,441,045
Improvements to leased properties	13,071,693	13,685,188
\$	77,423,635	\$ 74,409,065
Less allowances for depreciation and amortization	35,626,771	33,628,235
\$	41,796,864	\$ 40,780,830
Land	338,500	393,500
TOTAL STORE PROPERTIES, FIXTURES, AND		
IMPROVEMENTS	42,135,364	\$ 41,174,330
DEFERRED CHARGES		
Prepaid taxes, rents and insurance, supplies, etc	4,672,187	3,334,753
UNAMORTIZED DEBT EXPENSE	521,346	_
_	241,264,918	\$185,827,140

### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Liabilities, Reserves, and Capital	Janu	ary 31,
	1962	1961
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 54,461,145	\$ 36,537,269
Federal taxes on income—Note C	8,388,685	8,694,088
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	\$ 62,849,830	\$ 45,231,357
LONG TERM DEBT—Note $G$	35,000,000	-
DEFERRED FEDERAL INCOME TAX—Note D	804,000	372,000
RESERVES		
For uninsured risks	1,400,000	1,400,000
For repainting stores	1,505,579	1,273,123
For deferred contingent compensation—Note B	697,562	613,400
TOTAL RESERVES	\$ 3,603,141	\$ 3,286,523
CAPITAL—Notes B, E, and G:		
Capital Stock		1
Cumulative Preferred—\$100 par value:		
Authorized 250,000 shares		
Issued 150,000 shares of 3¾ % series	15,000,000	15,000,000
Common—\$2.50 par value:		
Authorized 8,500,000 shares Issued 5,846,111 and 5,789,126 shares, respectively.	14,615,277	14,472,815
Capital paid-in in excess of par value of shares issued	18,557,418	17,545,153
Amounts paid by officers and employees under purchase con-	10,337,410	17,543,133
tracts for 424,525 and 424,075 shares, respectively, of		
unissued Common Stock	568,030	508,774
	\$ 33,740,725	\$ 32,526,742
Earnings retained for use in the business	90,267,222	89,410,518
TOTAL CAPITAL	\$139,007,947	\$136,937,260
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(G. San A. Constitution and a )	\$241,264,918	\$185,827,140
(See notes to financial statements.)		

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

January 31, 1962

Note A - At January 31, 1962, the Company's equity in the net assets of Zeller's Limited, an approximately 51% owned unconsolidated subsidiary, exceeded the cost of its investment in 382,500 shares of common stock of the subsidiary by approximately \$707,000. The Company's equity in Zeller's net earnings applicable to common stock (before dividends thereon for the year ended January 31, 1962) amounted to approximately \$828,000. During the year, the Company received dividends amounting to \$529,739 from Zeller's Limited.

Note B - The amount shown for the reserve for deferred contingent compensation at January 31, 1962 represents (a) to the extent that allotments are contingently distributable in Common Stock of the Company an amount equivalent to the cost to the Company of 33,800 shares of its Common Stock held for this purpose; and (b) the total remaining in participants' contingent cash allotments. For the year ended January 31, 1962, the amount charged to earnings for this plan was \$100,000.

Note C - In accordance with the practice followed since 1946, gross profits on installment sales are reflected in the Company's financial statements when such sales are made, whereas for federal income tax purposes, such gross profits are reported as income when collections are received. Adequate provision has been made for income taxes and such provision is included in the liability for federal taxes on income.

Note D - As permitted by the Internal Revenue Code, the Company has adopted accelerated depreciation methods for income tax purposes, but has continued to use straight-line depreciation for financial statements. Provision has been made for deferred federal taxes on income to provide for the estimated additional future taxes which may become payable when depreciation based on acceler-

ated methods will be less than that based on the straight-line method.

**Note E** - The 3¾% Cumulative Preferred Stock is redeemable at the Company's option in whole or in part at \$100 per share plus accrued dividends to date of redemption.

At January 31, 1962, 529,555 shares of the Company's unissued Common Stock were reserved under the Employees' Stock Purchase Plan. Contracts for the sales of such shares, on a deferred payment basis, are made at approximate market prices at dates of contracts. Shares are issued after completion of payments.

Note F - At January 31, 1962, the Company was lessee of real property under 958 leases expiring subsequent to January 31, 1965 at aggregate minimum annual rentals of approximately \$22,345,000 (exclusive of taxes and other expenses payable under terms of certain of the leases). This amount includes approximately \$16,357,000 for minimum annual rentals under 678 leases which were on a percentage of sales basis with specified minimum annual rentals, but does not include any amount for 19 leases which were on a percentage of sales basis without any specified minimum annual rentals.

Note G - Long term debt consists of 4¾% Sinking Fund Debentures dated January 1, 1962 and due January 1, 1987. The indenture provides, among other things, for certain limitations with respect to the declaration of cash dividends, acquisition or disposition of capital stock, and the incurrence of long term indebtedness. Sinking Fund payments begin January 1, 1969 and continue at the annual rate of \$1,500,000. At January 31, 1962, approximately \$17,000,000 of earnings retained for use in the business was free for payment of dividends.

### **ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT**

### ERNST & ERNST

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NEW YORK 5, N. Y.

TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS W. T. GRANT COMPANY NEW YORK, N. Y.

We have examined the statement of financial position of W. T. Grant Company at January 31, 1962, and the related statement of operations for the year then ended. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, the accompanying statements of financial position and operations present fairly the financial position of W. T. Grant Company at January 31, 1962, and the results of its operations for the year then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

New York, N. Y. March 26, 1962

**ERNST & ERNST** 

### SOURCE AND DISPOSITION OF FUNDS

(amounts in 000's)

	(yea	ars which end J	anuary 31 of si	ubsequent years)		TOTAL
	1961	1960	1959	1958	1957	5 Years
WHERE FUNDS CAME FROM						
SALES	\$574,501	\$512,687	\$479,997	\$432,240	\$406,337	\$2,405,762
ESS:						
Merchandise costs, supplies, outside services, etc.	407,539	356,860	329,959	299,423	280,420	1,674,20
Wages and salaries, including miscellaneous benefits	107,224	97,336	88,047	79,102	74,610	446,319
Retirement plan contributions	648	908	1,071	1,008	1,200	4,83
Social security taxes on payrolls	5,249	4,459	3,494	2,712	2,444	18,35
Rents to landlords less rentals on subleases	23,854	21,401	19,778	18,264	16,943	100,24
Federal, state and local taxes, excluding	,	,	•			
social security taxes	15,087	16,262	19,475	16,209	15,596	82,62
Depreciation and amortization	6,541	6,263	5,915	5,672	5,407	29,798
NET INCOME FROM OPERATIONS	\$ 8,359	\$ 9,198	\$ 12,258	\$ 9,850	\$ 9,717	\$ 49,383
Add charges against income which involve no cash outlay:						
Depreciation and amortization	6,541	6,263	5,915	5,672	5,407	29,79
Net increase in reserves	317	123	153	152	66	81
Deferred federal income tax	432	310	62	_	_	80-
From sale of common stock to public	_	_	14,042	_	_	14,04
From sale of common stock to employees	1,214	1,487	812	591	550	4,65
From sale of debentures	35,000	_	-	_	_	35,00
From recovery of taxes, pertaining to LIFO .	-		_	_	1,635	1,63
From sale of land and buildings	146	_	9	_	48	20:
TOTAL FUNDS PROVIDED	\$ 52,009	\$ 17,381	\$ 33,251	\$ 16,265	\$ 17,423	\$ 136,329
HOW FUNDS WERE USED						
For dividends to stockholders	\$ 7,502	\$ 7,429	\$ 6,624	\$ 5,553	\$ 5,527	\$ 32,633
For investment in land and buildings		318		35	Ψ J,J21	35.
For investment in furniture and fixtures	7,577	7,596	7,220	5,600	6,050	34,04
For investment in improvements to leased				,		
properties	71	284	233	107	251	94
For investment in Zeller's Limited	_	_	-	2,773	951	3,72
For purchase of common stock for deferred compensation plan	6	126	149	57	61	39
For increase in sundry accounts—net	877	620	154	377	118	2,140
Funds added to working capital	35,976	1,008	18,871	1,763	4,465	62,08
TOTAL FUNDS USED	\$ 52,009	\$ 17,381	\$ 33,251	\$ 16,265	\$ 17,423	\$ 136,325

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tof merchandise sold and operating expenses	(years which end January 31 of subsequent years)					
tof merchandise sold and operating expenses 549,066,107	SALES	\$574,501,798	\$512,686,823	\$479,997,477	\$432,240,571	\$406,337,450
to f merchandise sold and operating expenses 549,066,107	LESS:					
rest earned	Cost of merchandise sold and operating expenses	549,066,107	486,492,154	447,992,005	405,699,354	381,966,558
rest earned		25,435,691	26,194,669	32,005,472	26,541,217	24,370,892
rest earned	ADD:					
er income	Interest earned	67,915	139,229	98,802	72,325	77,084
CT:  recation and amortization	Other income	608,205	560,286	490,854	348,983	283,034
CT:     Creciation and amortization 6,540,639		26,111,811	26,894,184	32,595,128	26,962,525	24,731,010
rectation and amortization 6,540,639 6,262,568 5,915,020 5,672,178 rest paid	DEDUCT:					
rest paid	Depreciation and amortization	6,540,639	6,262,568	5,915,020	5,672,178	5,406,787
er deductions	Interest paid	2,184,964	1,518,260	1,055,401	955,215	864,098
vision for federal taxes on income	Other deductions	266,895	270,223	191,767	169,879	201,493
Secontary   Secondary   Seco	Provision for federal taxes on income	8,760,000	9,645,000	13,175,000	10,315,000	9,313,000
NET EARNINGS FOR THE YEAR		8,359,313	9,198,133	12,257,940	9,850,253	8,945,632
CT:       \$62,507       \$62,507       \$62,506       \$62,506       \$62,506       \$62,506       \$62,506       \$62,506       \$62,506       \$62,506       \$62,506       \$62,506       \$62,506       \$62,506       \$62,506       \$62,506       \$62,506       \$62,506       \$62,506       \$60,61,164       \$4,990,809         nmon dividends	Non-recurring items	I	1	-	I	771,942
ferred dividends	NET EARNINGS FOR THE YEAR	8,359,313	9,198,133	12,257,940	9,850,253	9,717,574
ferred dividends	DEDUCT:					
nmon dividends 6,940,102 6,866,389 6,061,164 4,990,809 4,900,809 6,061,064 6,061,164 6,990,809 6,061,064 6,061,164 6,990,809 6,061,064 6,061,164 6	Preferred dividends	562,507	562,507	562,506	562,506	562,506
nings of prior years retained in the business 89,410,518 87,641,281 82,007,011 77,710,073 submitted earnings retained, at end of year \$90,267,222 \$89,410,518 \$87,641,281 \$82,007,011 \$	Common dividends	6,940,102	6,866,389	6,061,164	4,990,809	4,964,518
ess 89,410,518 87,641,281 82,007,011 77,710,073 \$ 90,267,222 \$ 89,410,518 \$ 87,641,281 \$ 82,007,011 \$	ADD:					
\$ 90,267,222 \$ 89,410,518 \$ 87,641,281 \$ 82,007,011 \$	Earnings of prior years retained in the business	89,410,518	87,641,281	82,007,011	77,710,073	73,519,523
	Accumulated earnings retained, at end of year	\$ 90,267,222	\$ 89,410,518	\$ 87,641,281	\$ 82,007,011	\$ 77,710,073

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(at January 31 of subsequent years)	1961	1960	1959	1958	1957
term securities	\$ 49,687,679	\$ 25,637,672 2,996,826	\$ 30,515,575	\$ 23,740,240	\$ 20,224,468
Accounts receivable—customers installment accounts (net)	17,601,057 2,567,880 112,885,170	2,325,255 1,943,821 96,243,818	2,570,001 1,504,696 86,089,840	1,342,305 1,493,436 75,780,905	1,756,107 1,339,005 69,762,345
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	182,741,786	129,147,392	120,680,112	102,356,886	93,081,925
Investment in Zeller's Limited, at cost	7,339,983	7,339,983	7,339,983	7,339,983	4,566,797 2,961,279
Sundry receivables and deposits	857,337	911,108	816,266	1,098,692	902,281
	632,995	627,329	330.756	352,199	319,854
Furniture and fixtures (net)	36,668,189	34,993,088	33,006,397	31,044,142	30,400,992
Improvements to leased properties (net)	4,979,314	5,539,916	5,901,971	6,318,918	6,919,922
Deferred charges	4,672,187	3,334,753	2,933,025	2,598,224	2,524,387
Unamortized debt expense	521,346	l	1	1	1
TOTAL ASSETS	\$241,264,918	\$185,827,140	\$174,679,528	\$154,523,734	\$141,972,611
. 0	\$ 54,461,145	\$ 36,537,269	\$ 33,041,072	\$ 30,094,914	\$ 26,850,664
rederal taxes on income—estimated (less U. S. Govern-ment securities)	8,388,685	8,694,088	4,731,572	8,225,414	3,957,987
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	62,849,830	45,231,357	37,772,644	38,320,328	30,808,651
Long term debt	35,000,000	372,000	62,300	1 1	1 1
Reserve for uninsured risks	1,400,000	1,400,000	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,500,000
Reserve for repainting stores	1,505,579 697,562	1,273,123	1,151,336 511,950	1,116,319 394,101	1,035,906
CAPITAL: Preferred 3% % stock \$100 par value	15,000,000	15,000,000	15,000,000	15,000,000	15,000,000
Common stock	33,740,725 90,267,222	32,526,742 89,410,518	31,040,017 87,641,281	16,185,975 82,007,011	15,595,077
TOTAL LIABILITIES, RESERVES, AND CAPITAL	\$241,264,918	\$185,827,140	\$174,679,528	\$154,523,734	\$141,972,611

# 1907-1961... HISTORICAL RECORD

	Year	1907	1912	1917	1922	1927	1932	1937	1942	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	
(s) 4, %	Earned	52.6	8.3	14.5	18.7	20.9	6.4	6.6	9.2	13.7	11.6	11.1	10.5	9.3	8.9	0.6	9.3	8.6	9.8	0.6	8.7	9.2	6.7	0.9	
(Amounts in 000's)  Net Worth	Total Ea	\$ 19	315	759	3,261	11,416	25,155	34,359	41,046	63,462	68,472	72,383	77,292	80,983	84,744	89,056	94,118	99,480	103,565	108,305	113,193	133,681	136,937	139,008	
Long Term	Debt	 %	1	1	75	330	2,038	1,540	4,530	4,812	4,403	3,303	3,329	2,759	1,573	1	1	1	1	1	I	1	1	35,000	
ssets	Sales	3.0	7.6	6.7	9.1	14.1	22.0	15.0	12.4	10.1	11.8	14.2	13.2	13.4	12.4	12.7	12.1	9.6	7.6	9.3	8.7	8.2	8.0	7.3	
Fixed Assets	Total	\$	132	301	1,403	6,167	16,101	14,876	19,052	23,128	27,541	33,094	32,966	35,919	35,203	38,189	38,245	33,760	36,795	37,641	37,710	39,239	41,174	42,135	
apital %	Sales	16.5	13.2	9.5	11.7	11.9	13.3	18.8	14.6	18.5	18.4	17.0	16.6	15.5	15.2	14.0	14.7	16.2	15.2	15.3	14.8	17.3	16.4	20.9	
Working Capital	Total	\$ 16	179	430	1,803	5,200	9,704	18,580	22,449	42,359	42,988	39,729	41,712	41,562	43,077	41,956	46,553	57,125	57,808	62,273	64,037	82,907	83,916	119,892	
Per	Share	\$ .02	.01	.01	.02	.11	.25	.48	.35	.75	.50	.75	.75	.75	.75	.75	.75	06.	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.10	1.20	1.20	
Dividends % of	Net	81.7	121.9	39.5	28.2	23.8	74.2	69.2	53.5	47.6	37.0	51.4	51.0	55.2	55.0	52.1	48.1	51.2	61.5	56.9	56.4	54.0	80.8	7.68	
	Total	∞	32	44	173	569	1,195	2,353	2,014	4,131	2,942	4,131	4,135	4,150	4,165	4,188	4,211	4,971	5,496	5,527	5,553	6,624	7,429	7,502	
Per	Share	\$ .03	.01	.03	.14	.56	.34	.70	.72	1.71	1.55	1.57	1.58	1.45	1.46	1.54	1.68	1.86	1.69	1.84	1.86	2.06	1.50	1.34	
Net Earnings Per Sales	Dollar	986	1.9	2.4	4.0	5.5	2.2	3.4	2.4	3.8	3.4	3.5	3.2	2.8	2.7	2.7	2.8	2.8	2.3	2.4	2.3	2.6	1.8	1.5	
Net	Total	\$ 10	26	110	611	2,386	1,612	3,402	3,762	8,679	7,951	8,042	8,103	7,517	7,570	8,045	8,755	9,710	8,938	9,718	9,850	12,258	9,198	8,359	-
Per Sales	Dollar	9.8¢	1.9	3.4	4.6	6.3	2.5	4.3	6.3	6.1	5.6	5.7	6.4	7.2	6.7	6.3	5.9	5.8	4.9	4.5	4.7	5.3	3.7	3.0	
-Tax E	Total	\$ 10	26	154	708	2,754	1,849	4,253	9,684	13,862	13,071	13,292	15,938	19,237	18,895	18,920	18,585	20,395	18,493	18,259	20,165	25,433	18,843	17,119	
(Amounts in 000's)  Pre-	Sales	66 \$	1,362	4,511	15,383	43,744	73,087	090'66	154,204	228,636	233,904	233,168	250,574	268,333	283,240	299,768	317,157	351,849	380,915	406,337	432,241	479,997	512,687	574,502	37.
No. of	Stores	1	12	30	50	157	446	480	493	483	482	480	477	482	493	502	520	574	632	691	739	801	864	952	
	Year	1907	1912	1917	1922	1927	1932	1937	1942	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	

Note—Net earnings and dividends per share are based on shares outstanding at year end adjusted for stock splits. Dividends exclude values of rights and stock dividends.

### MERCHANDISE LINES SOLD IN W. T. GRANT FRIENDLY FAMILY STORES

### For Women

DRESSES

COATS, SUITS, JACKETS

SKIRTS, SLACKS

BLOUSES

SPORTSWEAR, PLAYWEAR

SWEATERS

BEACHWEAR

MILLINERY, RIBBONS,

VEILING

UNIFORMS

GLOVES

HANDBAGS

HOSIERY

SLIPS, PETTI SLIPS

Gowns

PAJAMAS

Robes, Dusters

FOUNDATION GARMENTS

MATERNITY WEAR

SHOES, SLIPPERS

SWIMWEAR

JEWELRY, WATCHES

RAINWEAR, UMBRELLAS

Cosmetics, Toiletries

LUGGAGE, WALLETS

UNDERWEAR

PARTY SUPPLIES

YARD GOODS, PATTERNS

ART NEEDLEWORK

ART NEEDLEWORK

HAIR GOODS, NOTIONS SEWING SUPPLIES I

INFANTS' WEAR

For Children

Infants' Furniture Nursery Supplies

LAYETTES

SHOES

SLIPPERS

HOSIERY

SWEATERS

HEADWEAR

SLEEPWEAR

Robes

COATS, SNOWSUITS

GLOVES, MITTENS

SWIMWEAR

POLO SHIRTS

PLAYWEAR

SPORTSWEAR

RAINWEAR

GIRLS' DRESSES, SLIPS

GIRLS' SKIRTS, BLOUSES

PRE-TEEN APPAREL

HANDRAGS

BOYS' SUITS AND JACKETS

BOYS' SHIRTS AND PANTS

UNDERWEAR

Boys' Belts, Neckties

DOLLS, DOLL CLOTHES

BICYCLES, ACCESSORIES

BOOKS, GAMES,

HOBBY KITS

CREATIVE TOYS,

EDUCATIONAL TOYS

For Men

DRESS SHIRTS

SPORTS SHIRTS

**SWEATERS** 

SLACKS

JACKETS

COATS

HEADWEAR

HOSIERY

SHOES

SLIPPERS

UNDERWEAR

RAINWEAR

WALKING SHORTS

WORK CLOTHES

NECKTIES

POLO SHIRTS

**PAJAMAS** 

GLOVES

RUBBER FOOTWEAR

WATCHES

JEWELRY

ROBES

BEACHWEAR

BELTS

SHAVING NEEDS

SPORTING GOODS

ACTIVE SPORTS

CAMPING, HUNTING,

FISHING

SWIMWEAR

For the Home

BED SHEETS, PILLOW CASES, PILLOWS

BLANKETS, COMFORTERS, BEDSPREADS

BEDROOM ENSEMBLES, CUSHIONS

CURTAINS, DRAPERIES, SLIP COVERS

Towels, Shower Curtains, Bathroom Supplies

DINNERWARE, GLASSWARE, CUTLERY

TABLE LINENS, OILCLOTH

ELECTRIC APPLIANCES, POWER TOOLS

LAMPS, SHADES, PICTURES

ROOM SIZE AND SCATTER RUGS

FURNITURE, MIRRORS

SUMMER FURNITURE.

Unfinished Furniture

HARDWARE, HAND TOOLS

PAINTS, BRUSHES

CANDY, COOKIES
RECORD PLAYERS, RECORDS

RADIOS, TELEVISION SETS

CAMERAS AND SUPPLIES

Power Lawn Mowers

GARDEN TOOLS, PLANTS, SEEDS

BARBECUE GRILLS

WADING POOLS, PLAY GYMS

STATIONERY, TYPEWRITERS

COOKING UTENSILS

ELECTRICAL ACCESSORIES, FANS

PETS. PET SUPPLIES

REFRIGERATORS, FREEZERS,

WASHERS, DRYERS,

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